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Stars on the stage

Cassopolis, Edwardsburg theater programs earn WAVE Performing Arts Awards

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BENTON HARBOR — Two local high schools took home hardware in the fourth annual WAVE Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theatre at the Mendel Center Mainstage on the Benton Harbor Campus, 2755 E. Napier Ave. Wednesday, May 21.

Edwardsburg took home four WAVE Awards for its "Newsies!" performance in the following categories: Outstanding Musical Production, Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical (Brady Leep), Outstanding Choreography in a Musical (Catherine Wood) and Outstanding Set Design in a Musical (Emma Hurley).

Cassopolis earned a WAVE Award for "Beetlejuice, Jr." for Outstanding Direction in a Musical (Patrick Bondy).

Edwardsburg was nominated for 10 awards and Cassopolis three.

Loosely designed after Broadway's famed Tony Awards, the WAVE Awards is meant to recognize, encourage and promote excellence in high school musical theatre.

This annual event also offers students and production staff a valuable educational opportunity through written feedback from highly qualified arts professionals, additional performance opportunities, scholarship opportunities, a sense of belonging and value in the local arts community, and public recognition for a job well done.

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Dowagiac Union to offer welding course at high school

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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DOWAGIAC — Dowagiac Union High School's welding class will soon have a new home.

The Dowagiac Union Schools district announced Monday during its monthly meeting its commitment to transforming the high school weight room into a welding facility with financial support from the Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District.

According to Superintendent Greg Blomgren, the ISD has committed $150,000 toward the project, which Blomgren estimates the total outbound cost to be between $380,000 to $450,000. The district expects the space to be ready by the time students return to school in the fall.

"We're excited to have signed a contract and we're going to be moving towards doing that," Blomgren said. "To have the ISD come in and say, 'we're going to give you $150,000 to help build that program' almost took away half of the expenses that we were committing to this project."

Blomgren said the weight room will be split into two separate rooms, with the room closest to the west parking lot becoming the welding space and the other room serving as welding classroom space. Blomgren said he hopes the second room will become another CTE classroom in the future.

"We're thinking we might have construction trades there in the future, but right now it will serve as the sit-down classroom for the welding space," he said.

The current weight room will be moved to the site of the boys physical education locker room, which will be renovated to accommodate the space.

"We had a rep come down that had done some weight room design ideas for the weight room in the past and we feel very strongly with his help that we're going to be able to redesign that space," Blomgren said. "There's going to be a little bit of cost to this but I think it's definitely doable. To get that weight room functional for 30-40 students and to spend a little bit of money, so we have more efficient equipment, I think we can do that for a decent dollar amount to really make that space efficient."

CHIEFTAIN CELEBRATION

Dowagiac Union High School celebrates Class of 2025

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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DOWAGIAC — The Dowagiac community packed the Chris Taylor Alumni Field stands Sunday, May 18 to see the Dowagiac High School Class of 2025 together for one last time.

101 Dowagiac Union High School seniors – decked out in caps and gowns – entered the stadium for the last time as high school students as the DUHS Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony began.

Dowagiac Union High School principal Kelly Millin opened the ceremony with an introductory speech and Board of Education president Robert Ickes and DUS superintendent Greg Blomgren each congratulated the graduates on their special day.

"On behalf of our board, we'd like to congratulate you on your accomplishments" Ickes said. "We're all proud to call you Dowagiac graduates. We wish you a lifetime of happiness and success. As you look back on your time at Dowagiac, you'll realize some days are long and the years go by faster than you expect. Stand tall, be proud of yourself and enjoy your adventures. Life is good – don't let the hard days win."

Following the performance of "For Good" by Stephen Lawrence Schwartz by the Union High School Choir, Dowagiac's Salutatorian

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2025 Dowagiac Music in The Park lineup, vendors announced

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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DOWAGIAC — One of Dowagiac's most popular events is set to take the stage once again this summer.

The Dowagiac Music in The Park summer concert series is set to return to the Dowagiac Library Event Pavilion – on the corner of New York Avenue and Main Street – at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday from June through mid August. The June 5 opening date will be a double bill, with the SMC Brass Band performing prior to a set from the Dowagiac Union High School Chamber Choir.

The public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs for seating and vendors will also be on-site and ready to serve by 6 p.m. Music starts at 7:30 p.m. and runs until approximately 8:45-9 p.m. The music genres showcased in the concert series will range from R&B to blues, classic rock, Latin jazz, reggae, country and more.

"Free and fun, the Music

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OBITUARIES

Norman Arnold
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Jennifer Myers
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Dowagiac adaptive track athlete celebrates new experiences, two regional titles B1

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U.S. during his four years as President according to the Center for Immigration Studies. Say what you want about Trump, but Biden was asleep at the wheel.

Putin can't be trusted. How many times must he prove this to the world?

Does the next President get to use the new jet?

Let's stop being filled with political hate. Don't let these politicians ruin your first cup of coffee and your day.

I can't understand how one can complain about gas prices while standing in line to buy cigarettes.

A tattoo alone should not be a life sentence to prison in El

SMC HOSTS

Salvador, especially for an 18 year old kid. This isn't who we were meant to be.

After 50 years, Earth still communicates and provides instructions to Voyager I & II. We can do anything if we just put our minds to it.

Is it too early to say "Go Lions?"

Best source for mulch without bugs?

Safe travels during this Memorial Day weekend. Lots of speedy drivers out there.

So much for MAGA, I'd settle for Make America Decent Again.

INAUGURAL MICAREERQUEST CASS COUNTY

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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DOWAGIAC — Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District's Career and Technical Education Department, in conjunction with Michigan Works! and Southwestern Michigan College, held the inaugural MiCareerQuest Cass County Tuesday, May 13.

This event exposed 900 Cass and Van Buren Counties ninth graders from 13 schools to the world of work. This event is "not just a career fair," but "an interactive career exploration event."

CareerQuest covered the Dowagiac campus, with Touch a Truck filling half of the parking lot off Cherry Grove Road and hands-on exhibits spilling across Mathews Conference Centers East and West, the auto lab in the Kairis Building for professional trades and the Barbara Wood Building, subdivided into booths featuring business, hospitality and information technology professionals.

MCC West housed engineering and manufacturing. Larger MCC East, partitioned into two, contained health and agriculture sciences.

Tucked away in the Wood Building next to the popular Midwest Energy and Communications (MEC) Esports Arena was The WRM, a tiny radio station "coming to you live ... and sometimes recorded from downtown Marcellus."

Slated for the morning rotation through six colored-coded areas were Edwardsburg, Bangor, Gobles, Hartford, Marcellus, Volinia Outcomes School and the ISD's North Pointe Center.

Attending the afternoon session were Dowagiac, Pathfinders Alternative and Adult Education, Cassopolis, Lawrence, Decatur and Covert.

Jason Smith, supervisor of CTE Academies and Early Middle College for the Heritage Southwest ISD near Cassopolis, said the Cass event is patterned after Kalamazoo's MiCareerQuest Southwest, which was established more than 10 years ago to serve eighth graders. It takes place Oct. 28-29.

Smith said local districts can prepare through Xello, an online K-12 college and career readiness software that unlocks students' potential by opening their eyes to future possibilities.

Smith's mind is already making mental notes for next near.

"We are hoping to grow employer participation and to add more heavy machinery and equipment. Our focus is on creating the most opportunities and exposure for our students," Smith said.

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Dowagiac superintendent receives 'effective' evaluation

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — Dowagiac Union Schools Superintendent Greg Blomgren was rated "Effective" during his annual performance review by the Board of Education on Monday.

The State of Michigan's new evaluation system requires all superintendents to receive an overall performance evaluation rating each year that falls into one of following three categories; Effective, Developing, Needing Improvement. Superintendent Blomgren has earned the highest possible rating given the state's current evaluation system.

This review was completed at the Board of Education Workshop on Monday, May 12 and the Board of Education voted unanimously on an "Effective" rating for Mr. Blomgren at the regularly scheduled meeting this past Monday.

Board members spoke favorably in the review process of Superintendent Blomgren's work throughout the district in his first year and were optimistic about the direction of the district moving forward under his leadership.

"From day one, Superintendent Blomgren has proven the board picked the right man for the job. Greg wants the best for our students, staff, and community. His communication skills are unmatched," said Board President Rob Ickes.

"One of the distinguishing attributes of Superintendent Blomgren is his active engagement within the community and presence at school events," added Board Vice President Christina Carpenter. "Whether it's attending sporting events, academic events, local gatherings, or administrative meetings, Greg is always visible, leading by example and demonstrating his vested interest in every student's journey. His ability to be a familiar and approachable figure has had a profound impact on both the morale and cohesion of the school district."

Blomgren's first year with the district started on July 1, 2024 and will be coming to a close as the students finish up the 24-25 school year on Friday May 30.

2025 Memorial Day Parade Schedules

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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From Buchanan to Dowagiac, there are plenty of parades to choose from on Memorial Day this year.

Here is a roundup of our area's Memorial Day parades:

Buchanan

The Buchanan Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26 at 10 a.m.

Due to road construction, the parade will start at the Redbud City Center, 131 Oak St., and will then turn left on Front Street to Terre Coupe Street out to Oak Ridge Cemetery. Lineup begins at 9:30 a.m. and the parade starts at 10 a.m. For more information regarding the parade, call Marvin Pruett, Parade Chairman, at (269) 449-4737 or the American Legion Post 51 at (269) 695-6633.

In case of rain, services will be held at the American Legion Post 51, 403 E. Front St., Buchanan.

Niles

American Legion Post 26 will host the annual Memorial Day Parade at 11 a.m. The parade will start at N. Second St. and will travel north on Sycamore St., south on 3rd St., then east on Main St. to Oak, east on Oak to East Main, and south on East Main to Silverbrook Cemetery. Staging will begin on Second St. at approximately 8 a.m. Monday, May 26 with the event beginning at approximately 11 a.m.

Dowagiac

The Masons of Peninsular Lodge No. 10 will host a Memorial Day parade and ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 26 at City Hall. The ceremony includes a featured speaker and performances by both the high school and Kalamazoo bagpipe bands. The Memorial Day Parade then proceeds to Riverside Cemetery for Veterans' services.

Cassopolis

The Cassopolis VFW Memorial Day Parade will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, May 26 in downtown Cassopolis.

Edwardsburg

The Edwardsburg Memorial Day Parade will be hosted at 11 a.m. Monday at Edwardsburg Middle School.

CASS COUNTY PET of the WEEK

Moon

This sweetie has been visiting with her shelter buddies since last July and is searching for her forever home!

Moon came to the shelter as she liked to explore. While here at the shelter she has made many friends and loves her play time. Moon enjoys her cookies and has been working on her lady like skills as she will sit pretty for her treats. She has been spayed and is up to date on all her vaccinations. If you are interested in adopting Moon, her adoption fee is $40.00.

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Local DAR chapter dedicates trees to honor veterans

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CASS COUNTY — On Saturday, May 17, members of the Captain Samuel Felt Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at Cass County Veterans Memorial Park near M-62 to celebrate the chapter's history and remember the Cass County Veterans on Armed Forces Day.

They dedicated three new trees and placed a wreath in memory of those who have died in service. The Captain Samuel Felt Chapter was joined by DAR of Michigan State Regent Dawn Brady and members of DAR along with representatives of the Cass County Parks Dept. and Cass County Conservation District.

In the past year, the Captain Samuel Felt Chapter has worked with the Cass County Parks to plant three new trees.

"We are so grateful for the opportunity to carry on this legacy of our Chapter and to thank the people at the County parks for their collaboration and support," Brady said.

On April 13, 1944, the Regent of Captain Samuel Felt Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Harvey Sherman, wrote a letter to the Cassopolis Vigilant urging them to join in a project to honor the local men and women who were serving in World War II. Her proposed project—to plant trees in honor of the fallen and create a memorial at a roadside park on the road between Dowagiac and Cassopolis.

She stated that members of the local Chapter had already met with representatives of Cass County, Michigan State Highway and Conservation Departments. Mrs. Sherman asked that every local civic and patriotic organization support the project. The community responded and over the next three years made it happen.

Members of the community purchased trees for $10, the stretch of highway was named the Veteran's Memorial Highway and the park near Beeson Road was dedicated to those "making the supreme sacrifice." Local civic organizations, veterans associations, and churches worked with Cass County to clear the area and build the park. School children in Cass County raised money for the flag and flag pole.

On June 14, 1947, the Captain Samuel Felt Chapter NSDAR held a small ceremony. They dedicated a boulder with a bronze plaque noting the DAR support for the project at the north end of the park. They also placed a time capsule in the base for the flag pole with names of all Cass County residents served in World War II along with names of all who contributed to the park project.

More than 1,000 people attended the official dedication ceremony on June 29, 1947, when the flag pole was raised and bronze plaques with names of 87 men who died in World War II. In April 1948, another ceremony was held as the members of the DAR planted a tree grown from the shoots of the "Washington Elm".

In 1988, the Michigan Department of Transportation turned the park over to the Cass County Road Commission and it is currently maintained by the Cass County Parks Department. Since 1988, plaques honoring the dead of World War I, Korea, and Vietnam have been added to the Memorial.

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Cass County Drain Commissioner secures grant for McMillan Dam removal

COMMUNITY REPORT

CASS COUNTY — The Cass County Drain Commissioner's Office was recently awarded a $65,800 grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy to fund the engineering and permitting of the McMillan Dam Removal in Marcellus.

The project was one of 19 dam projects awarded grant funding in EGLE's risk-reduction program, which allocated $14.9 million for maintenance, removal and reconstruction of dams throughout the state.

Cass County Drain Commissioner Jeff VanBelle said the McMillan Dam, located just west of Lawrence Road in Volinia Township, is "a redundant control structure" designed to regulate the legal lake level of Fish, Saddlebag and Finch Lakes.

According to the project description, the key goals are to reduce or eliminate the risk of dam failure, comply with regulatory requirements, and protect public and environmental health.

"A recent inspection indicated that the dam has inadequate spillway capacity and embankment damage which could result in failure," VanBelle wrote.

The McMillan Dam will eventually be removed, and the Finch Lake control structure will be reconstructed to ensure it meets state safety requirements. Control structures are designed to direct water flow, regulate the amount of water released and control water surface elevation.

The removal of the dam will restore natural stream flow, improve hydraulic conveyance, enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitats and reduce risks associated with dam failure, sediment buildup, and poor water quality.

"These grant opportunities help counties like Cass remove old aging structures, preventing dam failures from ever occurring," VanBelle said.

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Ranee Conley.

SMC teaching Early Childhood apprentices

By JOHN EBY
Southwestern Michigan College

DOWAGIAC — Southwestern Michigan College is part of a new early childhood education apprenticeship program to combat childcare "deserts."

According to a 2024 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) survey, more than 50 percent of Michigan childcare centers faced staffing shortages in the last six months, resulting in under-enrollment, increased tuition and classroom closures.

SMC Professor of Early Childhood Education Ranee Conley sees this apprenticeship as an opportunity to equip teachers with fundamental skills and resources needed to thrive.

"Teaching young children is hard and rewarding work," said Conley, herself a veteran preschool teacher. "As state and federal education requirements increase for early childhood educators, providers struggle to keep up with community needs, to pay their teachers a living wage and to provide continuous professional development. This apprenticeship helps remove these barriers."

Registered apprenticeship programs have a long history in American skilled trades, such as construction, manufacturing and nursing, but are relatively new to early childhood education.

Michigan Works! promotes apprenticeship programs as a proven path for workers to earn better wages, build professional skills and meet business demands for skilled labor.

Joining SMC in the apprenticeship program to recruit, train and support future early childhood educators are Michigan Works! and Flowers Early Learning (formerly Tri-County Head Start). The apprenticeship is open to aspiring educators in Cass, Berrien and Van Buren counties.

"Many southwest Michigan families live in childcare deserts," said Chanda Hillman, Flowers Early Learning CEO. "Our message to potential teachers is simple: If you care about children, come grow with us! Our teachers change lives."

According to the Center for American Progress, southwest Michigan is home to dozens of childcare deserts, meaning three or more children live in a community for every available childcare slot.

"Professionalizing early childhood education, with better pay and training, will benefit the regional economy," said Mark O'Reilly, director of business services for Michigan Works! Berrien-Cass-Van Buren. "More reliable childcare options for families mean more reliable workers for southwest Michigan businesses, more economic opportunity, less poverty and healthier children. This apprenticeship is a big win for our community."

The two-year apprenticeship is open to anyone over the age of 18 with a high school diploma or equivalent. Over two years, apprentices will complete four college courses in early childhood education with paid tuition and paid release time and complete 4,000 hours of on-the-job training paired with experienced teachers.

"This training plan not only ensures that teachers understand curriculum, brain development and best practices for early childhood education," Conley said, "but also that they have the support they need to understand their own emotions, manage their stress levels and provide healthy, nurturing environments for little brains to flourish."

To learn more about the apprenticeship program or to apply for a position, visit www.flowersearlylearning.org.

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GREAT! WHAT DO YOU HAVE SO FAR?
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SO BRAVE, DAD.
HOW DO YOU SPELL "CHISELED"?
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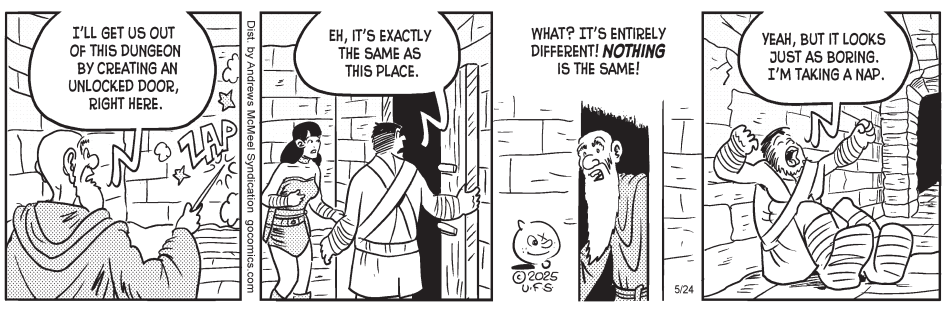
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ZAP
EH, IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME AS THIS PLACE.
WHAT? IT'S ENTIRELY DIFFERENT! NOTHING IS THE SAME!
YEAH, BUT IT LOOKS JUST AS BORING. I'M TAKING A NAP.
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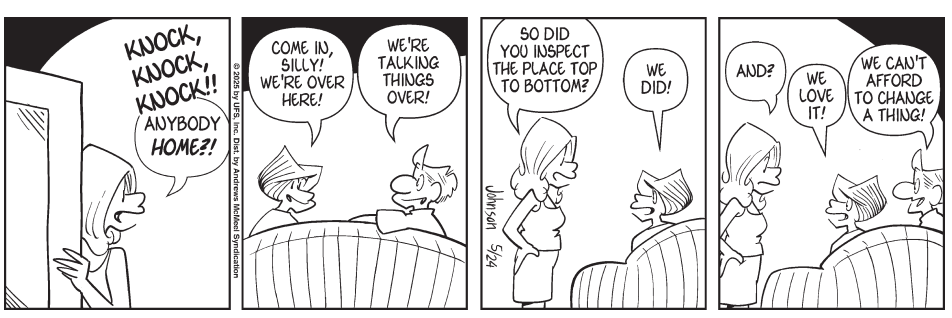
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COME IN, SILLY! WE'RE OVER HERE!
WE'RE TALKING THINGS OVER!
SO DID YOU INSPECT THE PLACE TOP TO BOTTOM?
WE DID!
AND?
WE LOVE IT!
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO CHANGE A THING!
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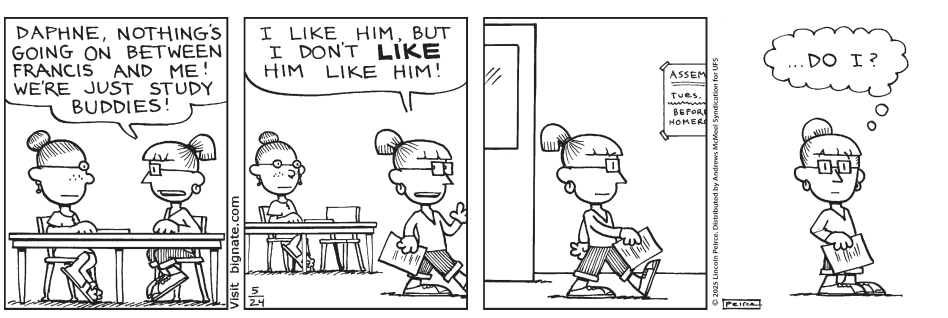
DAPHNE, NOTHING'S GOING ON BETWEEN FRANCIS AND ME! WE'RE JUST STUDY BUDDIES!
I LIKE HIM, BUT I DON'T LIKE HIM LIKE HIM!
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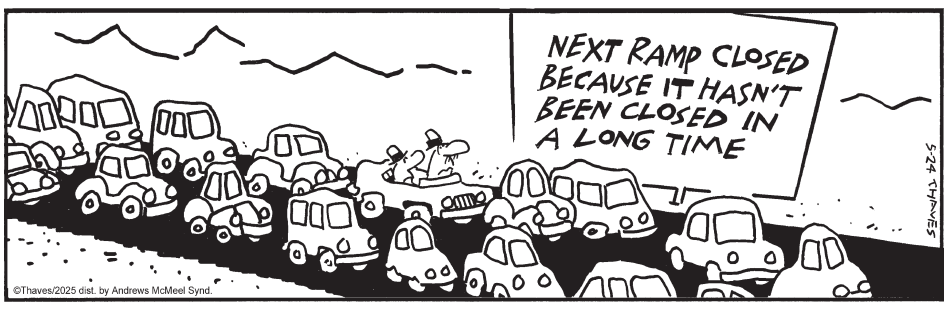

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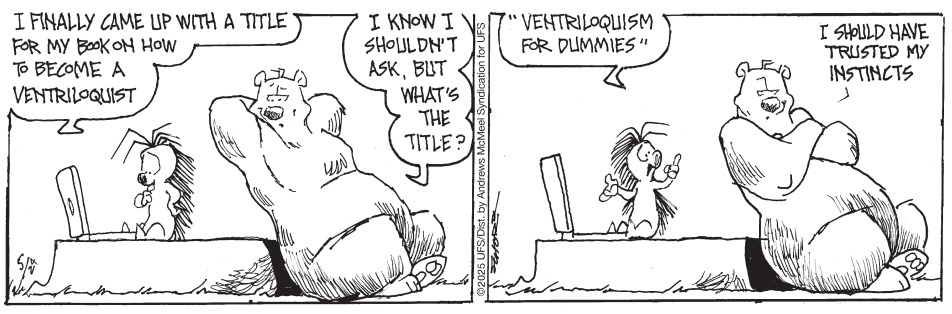
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I KNOW I SHOULDN'T ASK, BUT WHAT'S THE TITLE?
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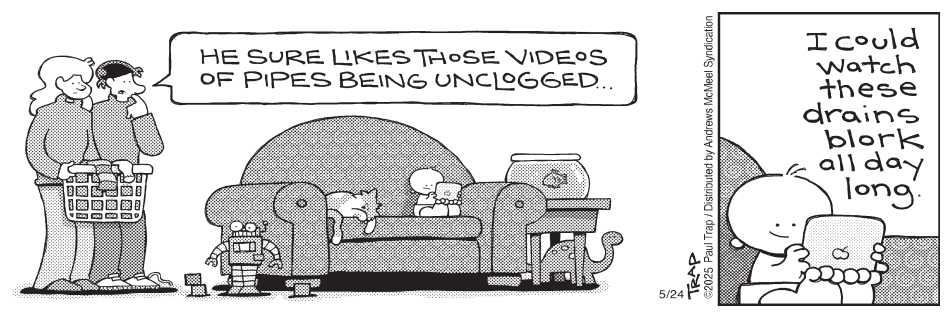
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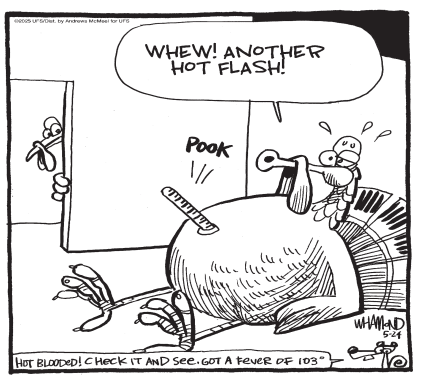

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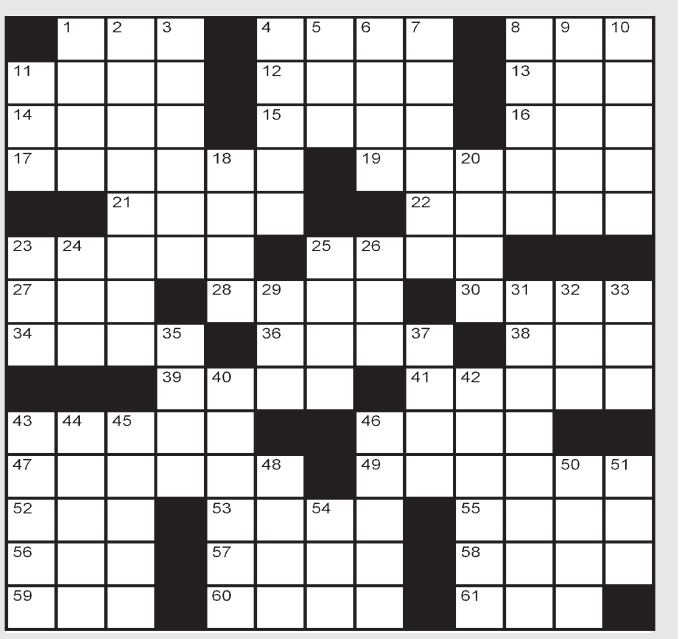

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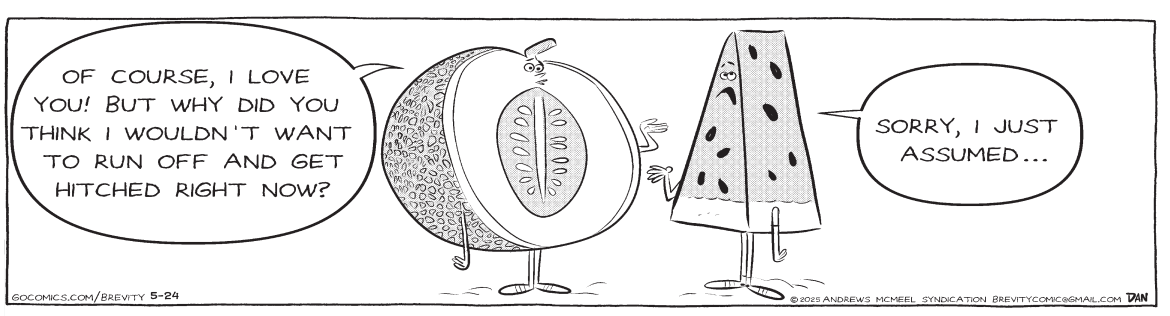
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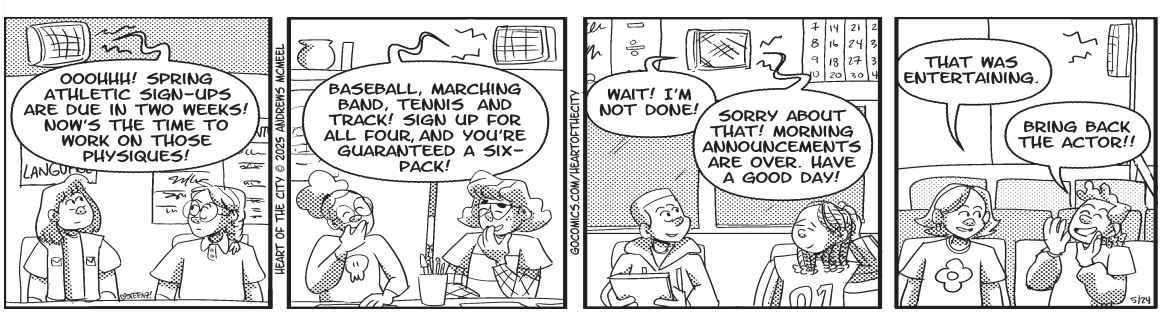
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CELEBRATES

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Markus Ottinger and seven Valedictorians — Guadalupe Brito, Rebecca Guernsey, Nevaeh Hemminger, Emerson Kruger, Brenna Mott, Carlee Spagnoli and Emma Stanger — delivered on what were their final assignments as high school students and looked back on their time as Chieftains.

First to take the stage was Ottinger, who thanked friends, family, teachers and coaches for making his high school experience enjoyable.

"It's been a good four years, well, mostly," he said. "I went to games, participated in events, hung out with friends. It really has been fun. But with all great things, they come to an end. And today is that end for us. I made lots of great friends and made many great memories. I'm gonna miss many of you guys."

Next up to the podium was Brito, who encouraged underclassmen to chase their dreams.

"Whether it be college, trade school, or even a full-time job, make sure to never let go of that dream and stick with it because anything can be achieved with the right mindset," she said. "The time has come for us to part ways, but I want you guys to remember that once a Chieftain, always a Chieftain."

Following Brito was Guernsey, who expressed that she believes the fond memories of high school will have a positive impact on her class' future.

Remember that this is not just the ending of a chapter, but the beginning of a new one, she said. "So let's celebrate today, not just as the end of high school, but as a start of something even greater."

After Guernsey, Hemminger capped her speech with a quote from Grammy Award-winning pop artist Pitbull.

"It still feels incredibly surreal and now that it's here, I'm sorry it is because it means leaving friends who've inspired me, teachers who have guided me and so many people who have helped shape my and my classmates' lives forever," she said. "Now, as we stand on the edge of what's next, we celebrate not just surviving high school, but living it. The struggles, the growth, the chaos, and the unforgettable moments. They've all brought us to this moment. By being here today, we've achieved something big. So, to the class of 2025, congratulations.

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"In this moment, we are infinite. And as Pitbull once said, 'every day above ground is a great day.' Remember that."

Emerson Kruger was the next valedictorian to take the podium and she encouraged her classmates to embrace the changes to come in their lives.

"Living means taking chances, failing, making hard decisions, doing what you're passionate about and most importantly, being you," she said. "So take a moment to look around once in a while. Remember these memories, start living. One of my favorite phrases is YOLO – you only live life once – so live it life to the fullest."

The next valedictorian was Mott, who encouraged underclassmen to make the most of the high school experience.

"My biggest piece of advice to all those in high school is to participate," "she said. Participate in the silly dress-up days, the mock rock dances, clubs and sports. Infiltrate yourself wherever you can because the memories you make will be the ones that you talk about and bond over for the next 20 years. Be embarrassed. High School is supposed to be fun but you yourself have to make it fun. So go for it and don't worry about others' opinions."

penultimate valedictorian Spagnoli, who thanked her teachers and students for embracing her for four years.

"When I first came to this school, I thought it would be the worst thing to happen in my life," she said. "I'm not originally from Dowagiac and it was a big change for a kid. Looking back at all the memories I've made and all the people that I've met, I can confidently say it was the opposite. No matter where we go or how far we get in life, these people and this place will always be a part of me, and I'm proud to be a Chieftain."

The final valedictorian to take the stage was Stanger, who thanked her classmates for the memories as she looks forward to what is to come.

"Class of 2025, we did it. As one window closes and another one opens, I hope we can always remember the memories we made together and the time we shared with one another. Today is a Bittersweet day – it is a day of reflecting on our journeys, a day of embracing change and most importantly, a day of celebrating our achievements. As Dr. Seuss once said, 'you're off to great places, today's your day, your mountain is waiting, go get on your way.'"

The Union High School Band's performance of Bruno Mars and Lady Gaga's "Die With a Smile" was followed by the presentation of diplomas and the movement of tassels.

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The hearing will be held on THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. at the CASS COUNTY BUILDING, 120 N. BROADWAY STREET, CASSOPOLIS, MI.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 4.14% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by 0.40% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

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DEATH NOTICES

Norman Arnold, 96, of Niles, passed away on May 18, 2025. Funeral services were May 22, 2025. Arrangements were entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com.

Gene Raderstorf, 81, of Granger, passed May 17, 2025. Graveside services 11am on May 27, 2025 at Mission Hills Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com.

Susan Claire Wills, 68, of Berrien Springs passed away, Friday, May 16, 2025. Services were Wednesday, May 23, 2025, 4 p.m., at Allred Funeral Home.

Lorraine Drew, 93, of Berrien Springs, passed away on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allred Funeral Home. A service will be on May 25 at PMC.www.AllredFuneralHome.com

Marlene Mast, 82, of Berrien Springs, passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allred Funeral Home. Visitation and Services on May 28th & 29th. www.AllredFuneralHome.com

Jennifer Myers, 48, of Berrien Springs passed away Tuesday, May 20,, 2025 at Hanson Hospice. Arrangements are currently pending and have been entrusted to Allred Funeral Home.

Randy Case, 80, of Eau Claire, passed away Tuesday May 20, 2025. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Bowerman Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Bruce Faye Sayer, 78, of Niles, Michigan, passed away on Monday, May 19, 2025, in South Bend, Indiana. Services have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

OBITUARIES

Judy O'Brien

April 6, 1950 - April 5, 2025

Carla Jean Lundeberg Ca-Judy (Paul) O'Brien, 74, left this earth on April 5, 2025, with both of her daughters by her side. Judy was born April 6, 1950, in Dowagiac, Michigan. Following high school, she became a dedicated Michigan State University Spartan, where she earned her BA in Education and MA in Outdoor Education.

Upon graduating, Judy returned to Dowagiac to devote her life to teaching, impacting thousands of students over her 30-plus-year career teaching elementary grades in Dowagiac and later working with student teachers at Michigan State University.

Judy had an adventurous spirit and found countless ways to combine her love of teaching with adventures she could share with her students. These included annual trips to Mackinac Island for the Michigan Reading Association's Summer Literature conference and working the Language Arts Camp hosted at Van Buren Youth Camp, introducing her to a myriad of children's authors and illustrators. A speaking engagement with the International Reading Association took her to Ireland, and she traveled to Japan as a Fulbright Fellowship Scholar. Judy also found herself sailing the high seas with two different Teacher at Sea programs. She spent 5 weeks in Woods Hole, MA, sailing around Cape Cod with Sea Education Association, and then boarded a NOAA Stellar Sea Lion cruise off the coast of Alaska. Judy traveled to Australia several times with MSU, leading student teachers on study abroad trips.

Judy was recognized for her craft throughout her career. She was a state finalist for NASA's Teacher in Space program and was later awarded the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Grant, giving her a sabbatical to create an intensive writing curriculum for the district. Her unique "Islands" theme for her 1991 5th-grade class earned her Rand McNally's National Geography teacher of the year. She was the recipient of MSU's Distinguished Alumni and Crystal Apple award. She served as a Teacher's Choice Coordinator for the International Reading Association, where her reviews of 300 books per year filled her home, classroom, and school library bookshelves.

Judy was never happier than when she was with her grandchildren. Her early retirement was spent exposing them to all of her favorite spots like Silver Beach and Sarett Nature Center or simply spending hours swinging in the hammock in her front yard. Later, she took great joy in receiving hugs and spending time listening to her youngest grandson play in her presence.

Judy is survived by her two daughters - Rhiannon (Brian) Mulligan and Jane (Will) Godfrey; three grandchildren - Alanna Mulligan, Teague Mulligan, and Alder Godfrey; three siblings -Jack (Melissa) Paul, Jill Paul, and Jim (Barb) Paul; nephew - Jack (Anna) Paul; and great-niece - Addi Paul. She is preceded in death by her parents - Jack and Eleanor (Sullivan) Paul.

Honoring Judy's wishes, cremation has taken place and her brain has been donated to the Brain Support Network to help advance Alzheimer's research. Rhiannon and Jane would like to thank the staff at Emmanuel Hospice for the generous care they gave Judy over the past two years of her life. Those wishing to honor Judy may make donations to Sarett Nature Center or E. Root Fitch Camp. A celebration of life will take place at the Dowagiac Area History Museum on June 14th, 2025, from 2:30pm-4:30pm. Local arrangements have been entrusted to Clark Chapel and Cremation Services - Starks Family Funeral Homes, Dowagiac. Please visit Judy's personalized webpage to share a memory or leave a

condolence to her family at www.clarkch.com.

Brady F. Chaffee

April 16, 1957 - May 18, 2025

Brady Frederick Chaffee Jr., 68, of Vandalia, died May 18, 2025 with family by his side.

His life began April 16, 1957 in Three Rivers, the fifth of eight children born to Brady Sr. and Harriette Chaffee.

Brady lived a simple life and was a simple man. He grew up and went to school in Constantine. When he was young, he enjoyed hunting with his brothers and teasing his sisters. Brady loved his community and was always helpful. He would give sweet corn and the chicken he raised to his neighbors and friends. He maintained the property and raised his own animals at Wildcat Ranch in Marcellus. Brady enjoyed hard work and raising animals. He farmed and was well known as a fabricator and welder, repairing farm equipment. Brady was a prankster and loved to get under people's skin. That was his way of showing love. Brady was always there for his family and friends if they were in need.

Brady will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by one daughter, Christina Farnsworth of Lagrange two sons, Robert (Shannon) Chaffee of Gillette Wyoming, Kevin Chaffee of Vandalia; ten grandchildren; four great grandchildren; three sisters, Judy (Pat) Malone, Theresa (Ken) Blazier, Cathy Sherck; one brother, Dale (Terri) Chaffee and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, two brothers and his daughter, Bernita May Chaffee. The family will observe a private remembrance.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a

memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Mary Jane Wood Zabinski

September 13, 1945 - May 8, 2025

Mary Jane Wood Zabinski - Entrepreneur, World Traveler, Photographer, Animal Lover, and Beloved Sister

Born and raised in Niles, Michigan and a longtime resident of the Hilton Head area, Mary Jane died peacefully in Okatie, South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jerome W. and Priscilla Barbary Wood, her sister Barbara Wood Cook of Niles, and her husband, Leo Zabinski. She is survived by her sister Carolyn Wood of Okatie, South Carolina.

After her sister received a Ph.D., she asked their mother, "Which of your three daughters is the smartest?" Priscilla responded without hesitation, "Oh, Mary Jane of course!" Her sister was taken back a bit, but then she had to agree. Mary Jane, who received a B.S. degree from Creighton University in Business Administration, became an entrepreneur and owner of several successful businesses. She was the owner and CEO of a Stretch & Sew Fabric Center in Worcester, MA and received awards from the national office for "Top Sales Performance in the New England region." When she moved to Hilton Head she established, developed and operated a new H&R Block franchise. She received awards for franchise growth and also became an

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Niles man gets jail, probation for drug possession

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

CASSOPOLIS — A Niles man who didn't show up for court for five years won't get a mulligan and a free pass as he was sentenced to jail and probation Friday in Cass County Circuit Court.

Utz

Nicholas Adam Utz, 43, of Reum Road in Niles, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine and was sentenced to two years probation, five months in jail with credit for 108 days served and $1,548 in fines and costs.

The incident occurred Jan. 13, 2020 during a traffic stop in Milton Township. He was found to have a suspended license and a meth pipe in his pocket.

Cass County Circuit Court Judge Mark Herman noted that Utz pleaded guilty back in 2020 to the meth possession charge and was released from jail due to COVID restrictions. "You chose to abscond, that's not a wise choice," the judge said.

"How is meth working out for you?" he asked Utz. "It's not good. You've been through Twin County and obviously got yourself in this situation. You're 43, you're going to be old in a hurry and have nothing to show for it if you don't change."

The judge noted that Utz has had five high severity felonies and had absconded from other courts in the years since this incident. "I can't give you credit for time served," he said. "I can't give you a mulligan, I don't think you get a freebie. You knew you wouldn't get jail if you showed up then, you knew you had a sentencing and you didn't show up."

"When you don't show up for your sentencing when you know it's coming, you don't get credit for time served," Herman said. "When you fail to appear in court, the consequences are always worse. This is not the only court you failed to appear in."

Defense attorney Greg Feldman claimed that Utz had been brought to the Cass County jail in the intervening years but was able to bond out because information about this case had not been entered into the system. He said that Utz hadn't profited from not serving a jail sentence back in 2020 and in fact has spent over a year in jail since then.

An Edwardsburg man who caused an accident that seriously injured two people was sentenced to probation.

Roger Duane Baker, 53, of Edwardsburg, pleaded guilty to moving violation causing serious impairment of bodily functions and was sentenced to nine months probation and $1,395 in fines and costs.

Baker

The incident occurred July 29, 2024 on U.S. 12 near Brady Road in Ontwa Township. According to statements made in court, Baker was speeding as he passed a pickup truck and forced that vehicle off the road. The driver and his son were both injured and had to receive medical help.

"It's fortunate that they were wearing seatbelts or they could have been killed and you would have been going to prison," Judge Herman said. "I don't know what you were thinking. You were driving a Corvette. I'm not sure if you were hotdogging but my advice would be to get a Yugo, it won't take you on a fast track to prison."

The judge noted that the charge had been reduced to a misdemeanor since Baker had no previous record. "If there is a next time, don't expect the prosecutor to give you the benefit of the doubt," he said.

In two drunk driving cases, one woman was able to get a felony charge reduced to a misdemeanor after competing a delayed sentence probation while another will get that chance if she's successful on probation.

Jacqueline Lynn Hayne, 68, of Union, had a third offense drunk driving offense reduced to a second offense drunk driving after completing a delayed sentence probation.

Hayne

The incident had occurred Jan. 5, 2024 in Vandalia. Her blood alcohol at the time was .256, over three times the legal limit.

"You look 100 times better today than when you first appeared in court," Judge Herman told Hayne. "I'm impressed that you've done 478 hours of community service at the animal shelter."

Jeannie Louise Henion, 60, of Marcellus, pleaded guilty to third offense drunk driving and was sentenced to three years probation, 30 days in jail with credit for 11 days served, completion of the Adult Treatment Court program, $2,688 in fines and costs and $290 in restitution.

Henion

The rest of her jail sentence will be suspended if she is successful on probation and the charge will be reduced to a misdemeanor second offense drunk driving.

The incident occurred Nov. 22, 2024 on M-60 near Niles when officers saw her driving the wrong way on the divided highway. Her blood alcohol level was found to be .117 which is above the legal limit.

Judge Herman noted that Henion already looks better after getting sober. He said he was concerned that this was her fourth arrest for drunk driving just in the last few years.

Niles woman sentenced on weapon, drunk driving charges

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

NILES — A Niles woman was sentenced to probation and jail on weapon and drunk driving charges in Berrien County Trial Court Monday at the Niles courthouse.

Menefee

Karla Oshay Menefee, 39, of Niles, pleaded guilty to possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle and operating with a high blood alcohol content and was sentenced to two years probation, 20 days in jail with credit for two days served, 180 days tether, 100 hours of community service and $618 in fines and costs.

The incident occurred March 19 in Niles.

She also pleaded guilty to contempt of court for violating her bond condition to not drink alcohol and was given a concurrent jail term of 20 days with credit for two days served.

Defense attorney Shayne Williams said that Menefee was storing the weapon in her car as her 15 year old stepson cannot be around guns. Williams noted that Menefee's only prior conviction was in 2013 for drunk driving.

"This is your second offense as an adult for drinking and driving," Berrien County Trial Court Judge Gordon Hosbein said. "Your first offense was very similar to this. I don't care if you drink, but don't get in a car."

Judge Hosbein said that Menefee was charged with drunk driving and reckless driving back in 2013. "You're a dangerous person on the road," he told her. "The firearm could be a lapse, I'm not as concerned about that. My main concern is your drinking and driving. You're going to hurt somebody some day and I don't want that to happen."

The judge said he feared that Menefee has likely driven drunk other times but just not gotten caught. "It's likely you've done this more and only been caught twice," he aid. "I don't know if you're learned your lesson."

In another sentencing, an Elkhart man will have the chance to keep a felony off his record if he's successful on probation.

Caleb Charles Howell, 23, of Elkhart, pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon in a motor vehicle and was sentenced to 18 months probation under the Holmes Youthful Training Act, credit for three days served, 20 hours community service and $618 in fines and costs.

The incident occurred Feb. 3 in Niles Township. The sentence won't be on his record if he is successful on probation.

Howell apologized for his actions. "I'm sorry for breaking the law," he said. "I know ignorance is no defense, but this won't happen again."

Judge Hosbein noted that the court sees a lot of cases like this due to being so close to the border.

MUSIC

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in The Park series is something that so many in the community look forward to every year," said Dowagiac Assistant City Manager Amanda Sleigh. "The team of volunteers that put it together works hard to ask for community feedback and incorporate into the music selections, the food vendors, and every other aspect possible. I hope to see a lot of returning faces this year, as well as people who haven't checked out the events before. They're just great."

The series includes returning favorites, like Schlitz Creek, Touch of Texas and Skeletones, as well as artists new to the series. These include acts like the Otsego Jazz Ensemble, Rock Rx, Hurricane Reggae Band, Skyler Vincek, Allie Garland and the Lunar Octet.

Returning vendors include fan favorites Nola Roux (Cajun), OAK+ASH (BBQ), Diana Kitchen (Soul food) and Wood, Stock and Grill (BBQ). New vendors include Curly Q's BBQ, KT's Rasoi, Jalapeno Grill, and King of The Kettle. The Dowagiac Fire Department Grillmasters will once again appear at the Cruise-In on July 24. The schedule will be released progressively throughout the season. For the opening night, June 5, Nola Roux, Diana's Kitchen, and King of the Kettle will be on-site.

This year's sponsors include Lyons Industries, Honor Credit Union, Southwestern Michigan College, and Mona-Co Cleaning Services.

"Dowagiac Music in The Park has something for everyone — a variety of music for all ages, a rotating feast of food vendors, and an opportunity to come together with other members of the community for a free and fun evening," said Lance Lyons, President of lead sponsor Lyons Industries. "Lyons Industries is proud to once again help bring this important series back for everyone to enjoy this summer."

Those interested in updates as the series goes on are encouraged to visit the City of Dowagiac Facebook page or RSVP to the Facebook events that have been set up for each show.

2025 lineup

June 5 – SMC Brass Band and DUHS Chamber Choir | Community double bill!

June 12 – Van Dyke Review | Tribute to The Beatles

June 19 – Skyler Vincek | Today's Country Hits

June 26 – Otsego Jazz Ensemble | High-Powered Big Band

July 3 – Skeletones | R&B, Soul, Blues, and Motown

July 10 – Rock Rx | Your Prescription for Rock N' Roll

July 17 – The Lunar Octet | Spicy Latin Jazz

July 24 – Touch of Texas | Variety and Classic Country at The Cruise-In

July 31 – Allie Garland | Soul, Pop, Jazz, and Requests!

August 7 – Schlitz Creek | Bluegrass With Some Bite

August 14 – Hurricane Reggae Band | Authentic and Infectious Island Grooves

OBITUARIES

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Enrolled Agent with the Internal Revenue Service. After five years with H&R Block, she became the CEO of The Ledger Company, an agency that provided medical billing services to local hospitals, laboratories, and physicians, supervising 55 employees and billing over $10,000,000 annually for clients. She retired in 2009.

Mary Jane was a world traveler in every sense of the word. She traveled to 110 countries, many more than once. One of her favorite travel experiences was a two week visit to the Tibetan Children's Village in Dharmsala, India where she taught photography and multimedia development to children in the village. Mary Jane co-authored a 380-page travel book, Maximize Your Cruise and Destination Experience. Also, she and her sister created numerous multimedia travel presentations (containing photos, music, animation and movies) allowing viewers to literally feel the excitement involved in world travel.

Mary Jane grew up on a farm in Michigan surrounded by: ducks, peacocks, pigs, cattle, and many cats, dogs, and horses. As a teenager she was quite successful in showing Arabian horses around the United States. One of her most exciting experiences was winning a 3-Gaited Stake Class when two professional trainers from other farms hoisted her to their shoulders in celebration. Her love of animals continued throughout her life as evidenced by her service on the Board of Directors of the Hilton Head Humane Association and becoming one of three founding members and President of the Spay/Neuter Alliance and Clinic (SNAC).

Committal for Mary Jane Wood Zabinski will be private, on the Wood Family lot in Sumnerville Cemetery, near Niles. Arrangements in Niles are being completed at the Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, 615 East Main Street in Niles. Arrangements in Okatie were completed at the Sauls Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Mary Jane's memory to your favorite charity or to Jasper Animal Rescue Mission, 1352 Carters Mill Rd, Ridgeland, SC 29936. Condolences may be sent to:

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Mary Jane was a very kind, caring, helpful, happy spirit, who was a blessing to many.

FINAL NOTE from Mary Jane's sister: While writing her obituary, I looked out the window and saw something I had never seen nor heard of before -- a unique black butterfly with white circles on its wings. I knew it was a sign from Mary Jane that she was and would continue to watch over me. I have since learned that black butterflies are symbols of transformation representing the cycle of life, death, and rebirth. Additionally, they personify spiritual protection and guidance from deceased loved ones.

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SOCCER

Dowagiac girls' soccer overcomes elements, advances to district semifinals

By SCOTT HASSINGER
Leader Publications Contributor

DOWAGIAC — On a late Spring night that felt more like a cold autumn day in October, the Dowagiac girls' soccer team overcame the elements and posted a 5-0 Division 3 district quarterfinal win over visiting Constantine Tuesday.

Dowagiac (11-6-1) advances to face Three Rivers (10-7-3) in next Tuesday's district semifinal at 7 p.m. in Berrien Springs. The other semifinal at 5 p.m. pits Buchanan against the winner of today's match in Berrien Springs between the host school and Hartford. The finals are Thursday, May 29 at 6 p.m. in Berrien Springs.

"I thought we played a good match overall. We struggled to finish some scoring chances we had in the first half. At halftime we talked about staying patient and continuing to play our game and sticking to our priorities. I told the kids that the goals would come if we did what we were supposed to," said Dowagiac head coach Joey Pasternak.

With temperatures hovering in the high 40s by the end of the first half, the two teams played most of the match in a steady rain that at times turned heavy.

Dowagiac's sophomore midfielder Johanna McDonald scored the lone goal in the first half off an assist from classmate Jimena Sanchez-Ortega, a starting sophomore forward, giving the Lady Chieftains a 1-0 advantage with 16:42 left before intermission.

The match was halted 20 seconds into the second half because of lightning and the two teams waited out the required 30-minute delay inside Dowagiac High School.

Pasternak addressed his team when they returned to the field encouraging them to continue playing solid defense and to be patient offensively.

Just like they had the entire first half, Dowagiac controlled the entire second half and found the back of the net four

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SCOTT HASSINGER | LEADER PUBLICATIONS
Dowagiac sophomore forward Mia Freeman (10) moves the ball past a Constantine defender in the first half.

TRACK

Area athletes earn titles at D2 track and field regionals

By SCOTT HASSINGER
Leader Publications Contributor

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Several area athletes punched their ticket to the state track and field finals in two weeks with superb performances in the May 16 Division 2 regional meet at Berrien Springs.

The top two finishers in each event, plus anyone meeting a pre-determined height, distance or qualifying time in the meet or during the season advances to the MHSAA state finals on Saturday, May 31 in Hamilton.

Edwardsburg's junior high jumping duo of Zachary Overmyer and Sarah Pippin were both regional champions. Overmyer (6-2) won the boys' event, while Pippin (5-3) was first in the girls' competition.

"We had great weather and effort today from our kids with lots of personal bests. It was nice to see Zach and Sarah win titles in high jump. We were again missing our top sprinter in Mobias Stubblefield due to him attending another school event. I'm just so proud of our kids though. We are looking forward to the state meet," said Edwardsburg boys' coach Lito Ramirez.

Edwardsburg junior Madelyn Peat took fifth in pole vault (9-3) with a personal best and qualified on height.

Also placing were Jesten Gregory fourth (5-10) for the Eddies and Dowagiac's Natalie Poorman eighth (4-9) in the high jump.

In the sprints, Niles' Ben Bruckner finished second (11.25) in the 100-meter dash. Dowagiac sophomore Ethan Nearpass was a double regional champion in the Wheelchair Adaptive category with a personal-best time in the 200 (57.53) following a winning time of 26.53 in the 100.

Niles senior hurdler Ayden McCarey was disqualified in the finals of the 110 high hurdles and decided to scratch the 300 Intermediate Hurdles. McCarey had already qualified for the state finals in both hurdle events prior to the regional.

McCarey finished the day strong, however, as regional champion with a personal-best in the 400 (48.92) and he later teamed up with Andre Wells, Lucas Debortoli and Bruckner to win the 1600 relay (3:27.23).

"It was a banner day for us. Ayden had a bad race in the 110s, but he still qualified. He's still the No. 1-ranked hurdler in both races in Division 2 and in the 400. It was really pleasing to have our 1600 relay qualify. Isabel just missed qualifying in the hurdles, but she's going to Southwestern Michigan College to run and should have a good career for them," said Niles head boys' coach Tony Todd.

Edwardsburg's George Scupham placed eighth in the 800 (2:06.88).

Dowagiac's Owen Saylor placed third (4:29.24) with a season-best in the 1600. Scupham finished fourth (4:29.41).

Maguire Johnson from Edwardsburg took seventh in the 3200 (10:26.35).

Bruckner teamed with Wells, Sam Rucker and Peyton Gordon for fourth in the 400 relay (43.14) and Edwardsburg earned eighth (45.55) with Fredrik Sante, Chase Karkiewicz, Gregory and Gio Orue.

Niles qualified its 400 relay based on its time.

Edwardsburg placed third and qualified in the 3200 relay with Scupham, Gregory Jon Leith and Johnson (8:13.09).

Dowagiac claimed seventh in the 800 relay (1:32.46) with Devin Rock, Isaiah Weatherspoon, Quentin Hill and Jaylin Medrano.

Edwardsburg's Lucas Frentz tied for third in pole vault (12-2).

Well placed fifth (20-8) for Niles in long jump and Bruckner earned seventh (20-5).

Edwardsburg's Georgia Babcock placed third (5:20.57) in the 1600 but qualified for state with her time.

Layla Gableman took fifth (13:05.95) with a

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CHIEFTAIN CHAMP

Dowagiac adaptive track athlete celebrates new experiences, two regional titles

By SCOTT HASSINGER
Leader Publications Contributor

DOWAGIAC — Ethan Nearpass has never been one to shy away from enjoying new experiences.

Like most teenagers, the 16-year old Dowagiac High School sophomore keeps himself busy through his participation in extra curricular activities, including sporting events.

Despite suffering from Spina Bifida that has him confined to a wheelchair, Ethan competes in sled hockey, wheelchair basketball and this spring he joined the Dowagiac High School track and field team.

Ethan's parents, Guy and Melissa Nearpass, rented a racing chair from Turnstone Athletics in Fort Wayne, Ind. that deals with paralympic athletes. There are options for customers to rent a chair for just the season with an opportunity to later purchase one outright if they wish.

After a bit of a learning curve, Nearpass' first season competing on the oval in the 100 and 200-meter dashes in the adaptive category has been a successful one.

It all came to fruition in Friday's Division 2 regional meet at Berrien Springs.

Ethan captured first-place in both the 100 and 200 races which now qualifies him for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state championships on Saturday, May 31 at Hamilton High School.

After winning the 100 in 26.53, Ethan turned in a personal-best time of 57.53 and also emerged with first place in the 200. His personal best in the 100 is 25.12 in an earlier meet this spring.

Ethan has been grateful to Dowagiac head boys' track

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SCOTT HASSINGER | LEADER PUBLICATIONS
Dowagiac sophomore Ethan Nearpass nears the finish line in the boys' Adaptive 200-meter dash on Friday in the Division 2 regional meet at Berrien Springs.

SOCCER

BUCHANAN GIRLS SOCCER EARNS LAKELAND CONFERENCE TITLE

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The Buchanan girls soccer team defeated Berrien Springs 1-0 May 14 to win the Lakeland Conference Championship. The Bucks went undefeated in conference play and 15-1-1 overall. The Bucks outscored opponents 76-18 on the season, including seven shut-out victories. The Bucks will face Hartford at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the semifinals of Division 3 district play at Berrien Springs.

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ABOVE: Ethan Nearpass is pictured with the 8-point buck and doe he obtained while hunting last fall in Angola, Ind.

RIGHT TOP: Ethan Nearpass is shown here in his gear before a sled hockey game for the Rivers City Sled Powers team in South Bend.

RIGHT BOTTOM: Ethan Nearpass, middle, displays one of the turkeys he shot on a hunt last September. Also pictured at left is Guy Nearpass, Ethan's father, and Adam Selman, a volunteer through Turkey Tracks-Eric Coney Foundation.

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and field coach and his assistant coaches for their support and inspiration.

"Coach Wiliams and Coach Clark are very supportive and uplifting and they asked me if I'd be interested in joining the team. I wasn't ever aware that adaptive sports was a thing in track and field. The wheelchair I use for my races is much different than the one I'm used to. When you're using the one for racing you have to keep your head down the whole time and I use special gloves so I can make a fist to operate the chair. It took me a few meets before I got used to it. The 200 is a tougher race because it's longer and there are a couple turns. I'm excited about going to state. I just want to do my best and maybe win, but we'll see how it goes," Ethan said.

"I just really enjoy being able to compete and be part of the team with people I know from school, laugh and cheer my other teammates on."

It was Williams who approached Ethan's mother to see if he'd be interested in joining Dowagiac's track program. Williams had previously coached Ethan's older brother in soccer.

"Ethan's parents are very supportive and do their best to see that he gets as many opportunities to get involved as possible. Ethan gets around at school really well so I thought this sport might be a good opportunity for him. He was nervous at first because he had never performed in front of so many people before. He also had to learn how to operate a racing chair, which is a bit different from a normal wheelchair. He has steadily knocked his time down. One of the biggest challenges, especially in the 200, is to learn how to stay in your lane as you are turning. You have to adjust the handle on the chair to handle turns before clicking it back into place in the straight away," Williams explained. "He's really grasped things well and is enjoying being a member of the team. Ethan is a good all-around kid, very appreciative, and does everything he's asked to do. Now he celebrates when he gets a personal record just like everyone else. I think this sport might take him somewhere if he's interested. They have adaptive sports in college as well. He's a great teammate and all the other kids on our team like him and always have."

Ethan is excited about his future in the sport. Right now he's just focused on continuing his training and seeing where the sport takes him.

Outside of competing in sports, Ethan does well academically and he aspires to one day become an editor for a magazine or newspaper. His current academic load at school includes one Honors class.

Ethan is also an accomplished outdoorsman. An avid hunter, Ethan has gone turkey hunting the last three years and got two birds. Last fall he had the chance to deer hunt in Angola, Ind. where he took down an 8-point Buck and a Doe.

"I'm biased, but Ethan is a pretty amazing kid and we are so thankful for all the opportunities he's been given," Guy Nearpass said. "There are some wonderful organizations that have helped him live a full life and break the molds of what he can and can't do. It's nice to see him out here competing on a team, but it's great to see him improving his times."

Ethan, also recently got his Level 1 driver's license and is now driving with an adult to get his required hours in. He'll take the driving test and Segment 2. His parents have purchased a mobility van and the hand controls were just recently installed allowing him to drive.

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personal best for the Lady Eddies in the 3200.

In the girls' hurdle events, Izabel Hoskin took third (16.19) in the 100 hurdles and just missed qualifying. Dowagiac's Nadia Poorman swiped eighth in the 300 hurdles (50.22).

Shamrya Clark of Dowagiac placed eighth in the 100 (13.27).

Clark and Poorman joined Tessa Deering and Khamari Mack on Dowagiac's eighth place 400 relay (51.58) that qualified on standard time.

Annika VanBuren, Piper Bryant, Caliana Manfred and Kennedy Goorhouse of Edwardsburg took seventh in the 800 relay (1:50.40).

Babcock, Goorhouse and Manfred joined Cassidy Frentz and finished fifth (4:17.79) in the 1600 relay.

Mike Williams, Dowagiac's head boys' coach, was pleased with the effort given by his team and the Lady Chieftains and stated that the program is looking forward to hosting Wednesday's Lakeland Conference Meet.

"It was nice to see our 400 girls relay qualify and Ethan in the two adaptive races. They have all been working hard. There were several other young athletes for us who missed qualifying by three or four tenths of a second," said Dowagiac head boys' coach Mike Williams.

"This was our second season running on our new track. We are a very young program with no seniors on the girls' team and we lose just three off the boys' squad. The future looks very bright."

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times, including a hat trick by Jimena Sanchez-Ortega.

Jimena Sanchez-Ortega scored her first goal of the night at the 31 minute mark of the second half off McDonald's assist. Her second score came less than five minutes later at 26:58 and was unassisted for a 3-0 advantage.

Alvia Bell, Dowagiac's junior midfielder, got into the scoring act just a few minutes after when she put the ball past Constantine's netminder for a 4-0 cushion. Freshman midfielder Sabrina Sanchez-Ortega was credited with the assist for the Chieftains.

Jimena Sanchez-Ortega added an unassisted goal with a little over seven minutes left to cap Dowagiac's scoring.

"I was proud of how our girls were able to push through the weather distractions tonight and not let it affect their focus in the match. With these kind of matches anything can happen. One team could play very well in these kind of conditions and the other might not. Our girls did a nice job of not overcommiting on defense and giving it away. We did a nice job of winning the ball and never let things get to the point where the weather played a factor in them (Constantine) scoring goals against us," Pasternak said.

Dowagiac's head coach singled out the performance of Jimena Sanchez-Ortega.

"Jimena stepped up big for us today with her three goals. Alot of teams we play tend to collapse in on Johanna so she did a nice job of keeping her space and serving as a good decoy. That allowed our other girls to find the wide open space. She looked to the outside and that gave us a lot of opportunities," Pasternak said.

"Our defense stepped up and was extremely patient today. They contained and didn't let the conditions affect them. Everyone played very well today for us. Sabrina played well on the other outside mid along with Alexandria Jijon."

Dowagiac recorded 23 shots on goal and didn't allow a single shot on goal by Constantine.

Dowagiac sophomore goalkeeper Chloe Friske recorded the shutout.

Constantine's goalie had 10 saves.

The Lady Chieftains had four corner kicks.

"In looking ahead to its third meeting this season with Three Rivers, Pasternak said his ballclub must continue moving the ball, shifting, swinging and boost its ability to finish shots.

"We're getting the shots that we need, we just have to finish them off," Pasternak said.

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TENNIS

Edwardsburg girls tennis qualifies for state

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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MARSHALL — Fresh off its first ever Wolverine Conference championship, the Edwardsburg girls tennis team punched its ticket to the state tournament Thursday night.

The Eddies finished runner-up at Marshall to qualify as a team for the Michigan High School Athletic Association State Championships.

The Division 3 finals will be held in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan April 29.

The Eddies placed second overall with a score of 23 points and Niles placed fifth with seven points.

Leading the way for the Eddies were No. 3 singles Verona Moody and the No. 2 and No. 4 doubles teams of Mara VanBuren/Olivia Closson and Brailey Fowler/Kady Yowell, who took home regional titles.

Edwardsburg's No. 1 singles player Erin Letter and No. 3 doubles team Abbie Hartley/Bella Hankins made it to the finals and No. 4 singles Grace Leman, No. 2 singles Julia Lewis and No. 1 doubles Abby Pryor/Mya Eberlein made it to the semifinals.

For Niles, No. 1 singles Cheyenne Small, No. 2 doubles Addison VanDalsen/Emma Williams and No. 3 doubles Brooklyn Hemminger/Scarlet Thalman made it to the semifinal round.

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TENNIS

Buchanan softball sweeps Niles

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES — Buchanan was able to knock off host Niles 12-7 and 7-2 in non-league softball action Monday.

In the first game, Horvath and Weinberg each tallied three hits for the Bucks, including a triple from Weinberg. Berry, Carlson, Legault, and Singleton each tallied two hits and Carlson added three RBIs.

Niles was led offensively by Kloe Kiggins, who had one double and four RBIs. Elrod and Morgan Racht each added two hits, including a double from Racht.

On the mound, Legault picked up the win by striking out three batters while surrendering seven hits and six earned runs in five innings. Niles' Ilyee Wirick struck out one batter while giving up 11 hits and nine earned runs.

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In game two, Singleton and Berry both homered for the Bucks and with Singleton and Berry totaling two and four RBIs. Weinberg had three hits including a double and Horvath, Carlson and Ely added two hits for the Bucks.

For Niles, Addeline Johnson had two hits and one RBI and McKenna Albright added one RBI.

On the mound, Horvath struck out four batters and gave up two earned runs in the win and Wilken struck out three while surrendering four earned runs for Niles.

MCINTYRE SIGNS WITH TRINE

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Senior left-handed pitcher Josh McIntyre has signed a national letter of intent to continue his education and baseball career at TrineUniversity. One of the area's top pitchers, McIntyre was chosen as a NHS Wolverine Conference Scholar Athletes for the 2024-2025 season.

TRACK

Local athletes win regional titles, qualify for state finals

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BANGOR — It was a big day for area track athletes as the Michigan High School Athletic Association hosted its Division 3 Regional Meet at Bangor High School.

Buchanan's Madeline Young earned four regional titles in four events. The Bucks' 1,600-meter relay team of Young, Audrey Lietz, Justyce Cashier and Ava Graham ran a time of 4:23.23 and the 3,200-meter team of Adyson Baker, Young, Makynna Williams and Alaina Nagel posted a time of 10:46.26. Young also earned regional titles in the 1,600-meter run (5:41.70) and the 3,200-meter run (12:45.75).

Also qualifying for Buchanan was Audrey Lietz, who placed second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.63.

Brandywine qualified seven events for state, including two regional champions. Makenna Price earned a regional title in long jump with a distance of 16-2. Senior Miley Young took first place in the 800-meter run with a personal-best time of 2:30.95. Lily Gill placed second in both the 100-meter hurdles (16.65) and 300-meter hurdles (48.43).

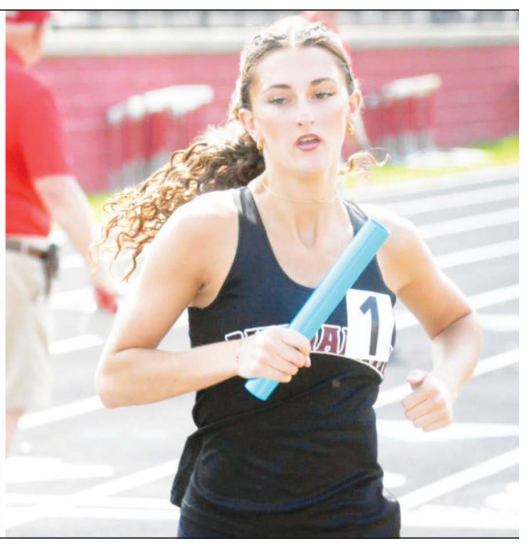
The Bobcats also placed second in the 800-meter (Karleigh Byrd, Miley Young, Mackenna Price, Lily Gill in 1:50.57), 1,600-meter (Young, Byrd, Lily Gill, Price in 4:33.89) and 3,200-meter (Young, Alison Murray, Allison Kline, Emily Kline 10:58.78) relays to qualify for state.

On the boys' side, several athletes took home medals. Cassopolis' Aaron Buck-Hooper was regional champion in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.16 and Jaylen Pratt took first in high jump with a 6-0 leap. The 400-meter relay team of Nikolas Craig, Jaylen Pratt, Cameron Steward and Aarenn Buck-Hooper qualified for state with a time of 44.31.

Buchanan's 3,200-meter relay team of Liam McBeth, Jack Sherwood, John Keser and Jacob Kuntz earned a regional title with a time of 8:30.40. The Bucks' 800-meter relay team of Carson Deming, Tate Figy, Tyler Frame and Jackson Sherwood ran a time of 1:33.75 to finish second and qualify for the state finals and the 1,600-meter relay team of Sherwood, McBeth, Deming and Frame placed with a time of 3:35.46.

Individually, McBeth placed second in the 800-meter run with a 2:03.91 and Frame jumped a 6-0 to place second in high jump.

Brandywine's Kaden Santana earned a regional title in long jump with a 20:11.75.



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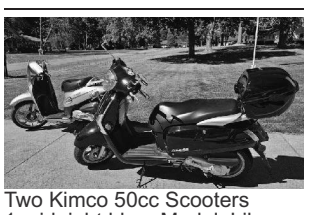

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The City of Dowagiac is seeking bids for the installation of a new, non-motorized trail at Russom Park. The goal of the project is to enhance the accessibility of the baseball fields and concession stand and providing an additional path between the parking lots enabling the community easier access to the facilities. Interested bidders can find the Request for Proposals (RFP) on the City website under Current Projects/Bids on the Public Services page. An RFP can also be requested via email to dpsdirector@dowagiac.org. Proposals will be accepted through June 5, 2025.

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BIDS/RUSSOM PARK

PUBLIC NOTICE

CASSOPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., in the Media Center at Cassopolis High School, 22721 Diamond Cove Street, Cassopolis, Michigan, the Board of Education of Cassopolis Public Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2025-2026 budget.
The board may not adopt its proposed 2025-2026 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2025-2026 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the district's business office, 22721 Diamond Cove Street, Cassopolis, Michigan (Door 22).

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.
This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Teresa Dahlgren, Secretary

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BUDGET HEARING

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET

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This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Trustees.
/s/Brent Brewer, Interim President

Dowagiac Daily News:
May 24 and 31, 2025
HEARING 6.11.25

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF DOWAGIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING FOR THE CLYBORN STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION PROJECT

The City of Dowagiac will conduct a public hearing on May 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM at the Dowagiac Fire Department at 29157 Jessup Drive, Dowagiac, Michigan for the purpose of affording citizens an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed application for a CDBG grant.

The City of Dowagiac proposes to request up to $750,000 in CDBG funds for the rehabilitation of the Clyborn Storage Tank to include repainting of the tank, installation of an altitude valve, and rehabilitation of the valve vault, all of which will benefit at least 51% low-to-moderate-income persons. No persons will be displaced as a result of the proposed activities.

Further information, including a copy of City of Dowagiac's Community Development Plan and CDBG application is available for review. To inspect the documents, please contact Amanda Sleigh, Assistant City Manager or review at Dowagiac City Hall, 241 S Front ST, Dowagiac, Michigan. Comments may be submitted in writing through May 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM or made in person at the public hearing.

Citizen views and comments on the proposed application are welcome.

City Of Dowagiac
Amanda Sleigh, Assistant City Manager
(269) 782-0437

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May 24, 2025
PUBLIC HEARING

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on June 11, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Roland Revis and Yonna Revis Husband and Wife
Original Mortgagee: Beneficial Michigan Inc.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust
Date of Mortgage: April 20, 2006
Date of Mortgage Recording: April 24, 2006
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $103,494.87
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Dowagiac, Cass County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 76, Hamilton's First Addition to the city of Dowagiac, according to the plat there of as recorded in Liber 1 of deeds Page 219, Cass County Records. Also, the South 4 feet of Lot 146, Hamilton's Third Addition to the City of Dowagiac, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber Q of deeds, Page 599, Cass County Records.
Common street address (if any): 406 W Division St, Dowagiac, MI 49047-1704
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If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on JULY 2, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott Novak and Carol Novak, husband and wife, to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated November 1, 2005 and recorded November 9, 2005 in Liber 924, Page 1255 Cass County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2021-R1, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2021-R1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Twelve and 29/100 Dollars ($76,612.29).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Cass County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JULY 2, 2025.
Said premises are located in the Township of WAYNE, Cass County Michigan, and are described as:
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If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: May 17, 2025
File No. 25-003891
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CASS COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE CASE NO. 2025-123-DE

Estate of Ronald Jureziz
Date of birth 02.02.1943
TO ALL CREDITORS:**
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Ronald Jureziz, died 03.17.2025 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Andrew Jureziz, Personal Representative, or to both the probate court at 60296 M-62, Cassopolis, MI 49031 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Andrew Jureziz
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May 24, 2025
EST/JUREZIZ, R.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Zachary T. Johnson and Kristin D. Johnson
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Date of Mortgage: March 20, 2024
Date of Mortgage Recording: April 3, 2024
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $72,692.84
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Volinia, Cass County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel 1:
Commencing 37 rods West of the Southeast corner of Section 20, Town 5 South, Range 14 West; thence West 9 rods; thence North 18 rods; thence East 9 rods; thence South 18 rods to the point of beginning.
Parcel 2:
Commencing 28 rods West of the Southeast corner of Section 20, Town 5 South, Range 14 West; thence North 18 rods; thence West 9 rods; thence South 18 rods; thence East 9 rods to the point of beginning, Except the East 57 feet thereof.
Common street address (if any): 20128 Marcellus Hwy, Decatur, MI 49045-9452
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
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This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: May 17, 2025
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CASS COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE CASE NO. AND JUDGE 2025-0091-DE CAROL MONTAVON BEALOR

Court address Court telephone no. Law and Courts Building, 60296 M-62, Cassopolis, MI 49031 (269) 445-4452
Estate of Michael Dennis Callahan Date of Birth:* April 19, 1940
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Michael Dennis Callahan, died February 13, 2025 . Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Patrick Callahan , personal representative, or to both the probate court at Law and Courts Building, 60296 M-62, Cassopolis, MI 49031 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Ste. 110 Southfield, MI 48034
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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within CASS County, Michigan on June 18, 2025 at 10:00AM.
Said premises are located in the city of DOWAGIAC in CASS County, Michigan and are described as:
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Property Address: 106 HAMILTON ST. DOWAGIAC MI, 49047
Tax ID No. 14-160-200-492-oo
The redemption period shall be SIX (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If this property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the Mortgage sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
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Estate of Terri Jean McCraner, deceased
Date of Birth: July 16, 1952
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Terri Jean McCraner, deceased, died January 15, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James McCraner, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 60296 M-62, Cassopolis, Michigan 49031 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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James McCraner
431 O'Keefe Street
Cassopolis, Michigan 49031
(269) 249-8752

Peter M. Karlowicz P31695
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on June 25, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dustin J. Strayer, Single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Solely as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, a Missouri Limited Liability Company, dated February 16, 2023, and recorded February 24, 2023 in Liber 1229, Page 889, in Cass County records, Michigan, and assigned to Planet Home Lending LLC, by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on March 12, 2025 in Liber 1257, Page 1058 and, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twenty -Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty- One and 91/100 dollars ($225,481.91). Said premises are situated in the City of Dowagiac, County of Cass, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: Situated in the City of Dowagiac, County of Cass, and State of Michigan: Lots 1, 2 and 33 in Cuddeback's Addition to the City of Dowagiac, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 17, Cass County Records. Property Address: 108 Hill St., Dowagiac, MI 49047 Parcel No.: 14-160-300-122-10 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: May 24, 2025 For more information, please call: (440) 572-1511 Sottile and Barile LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2503021 - Strayer, Dustin J. (VA)
(05-24)(06-14)

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Estate of Stephen Thomas Wright, deceased
Date of Birth: June 13, 1968
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Stephen Thomas Wright, deceased, died April 29, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary Suzanne Wright, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 60296 M-62, Cassopolis, Michigan 49031 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

May 16, 2025

Mary Suzanne Wright
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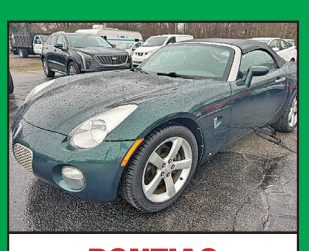

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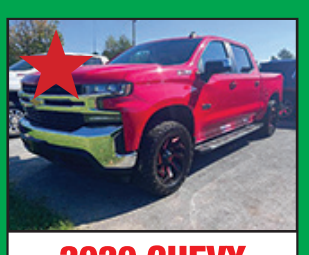

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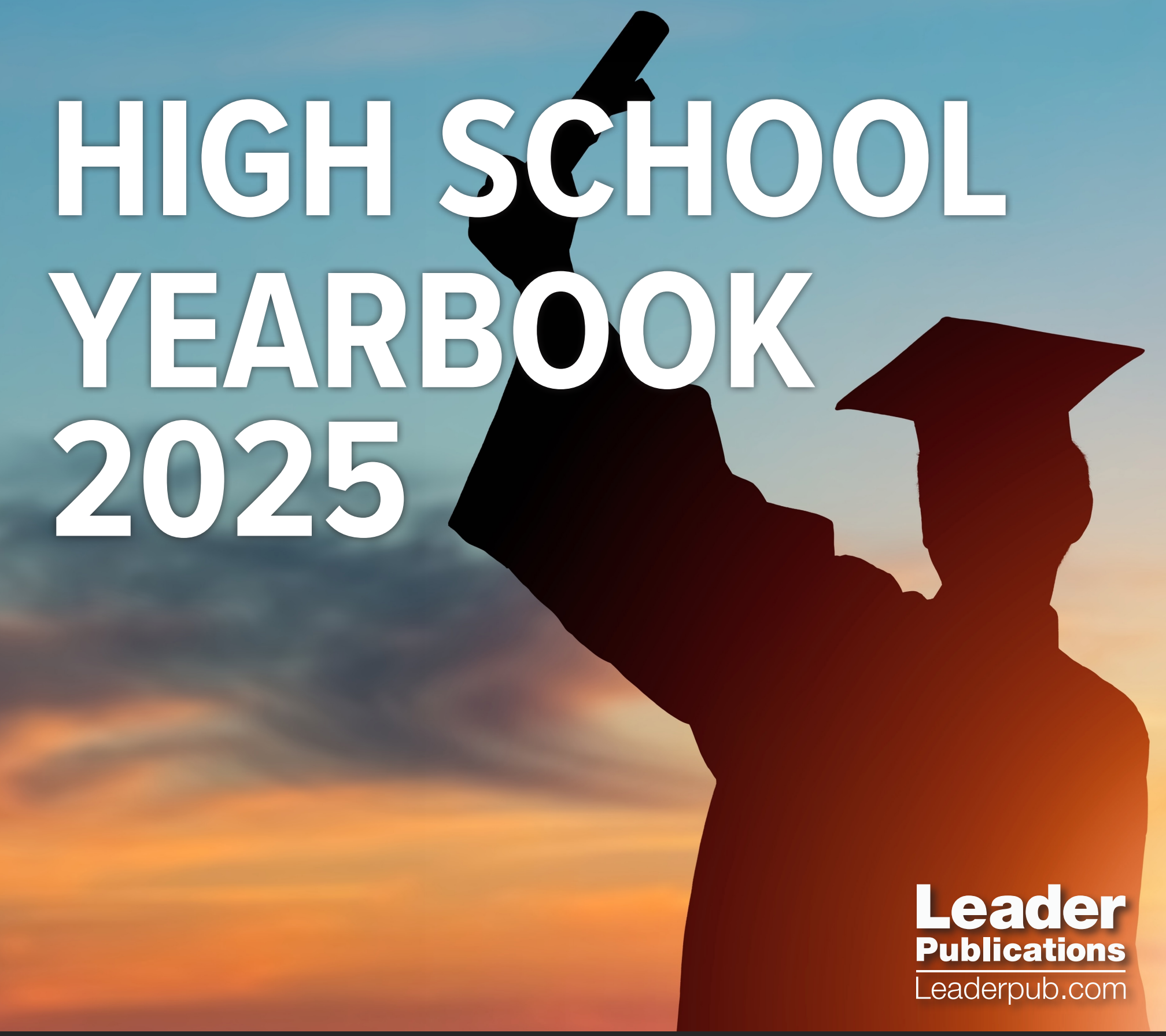

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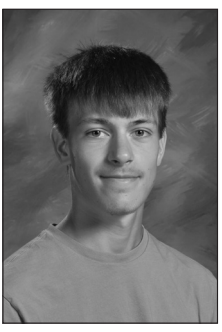

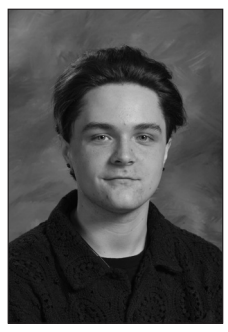
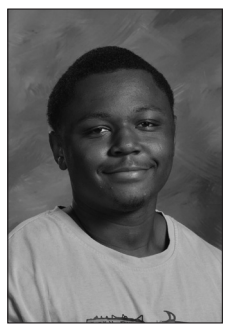

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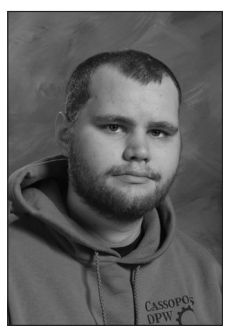

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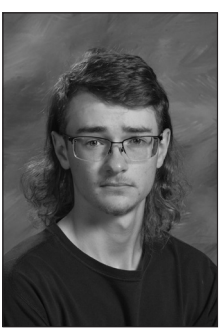

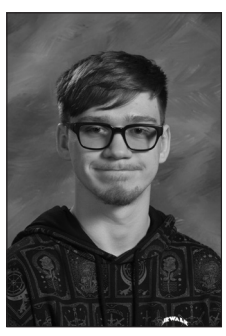

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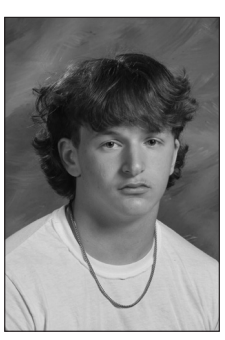

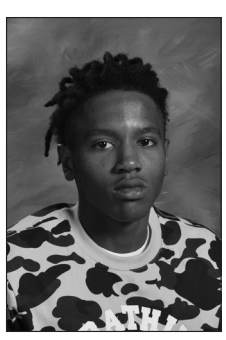

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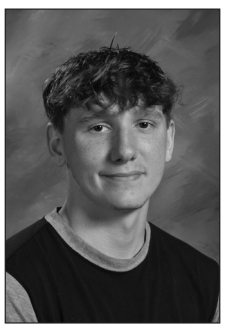

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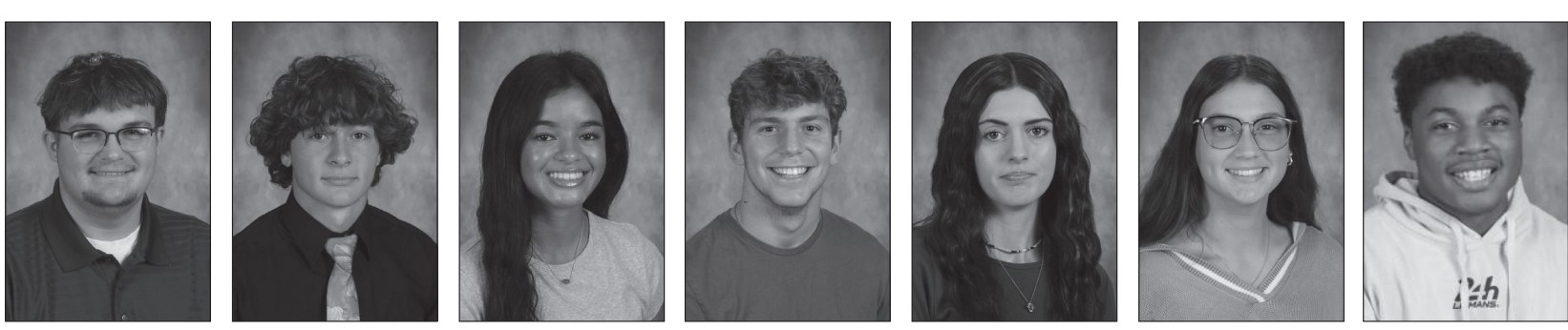

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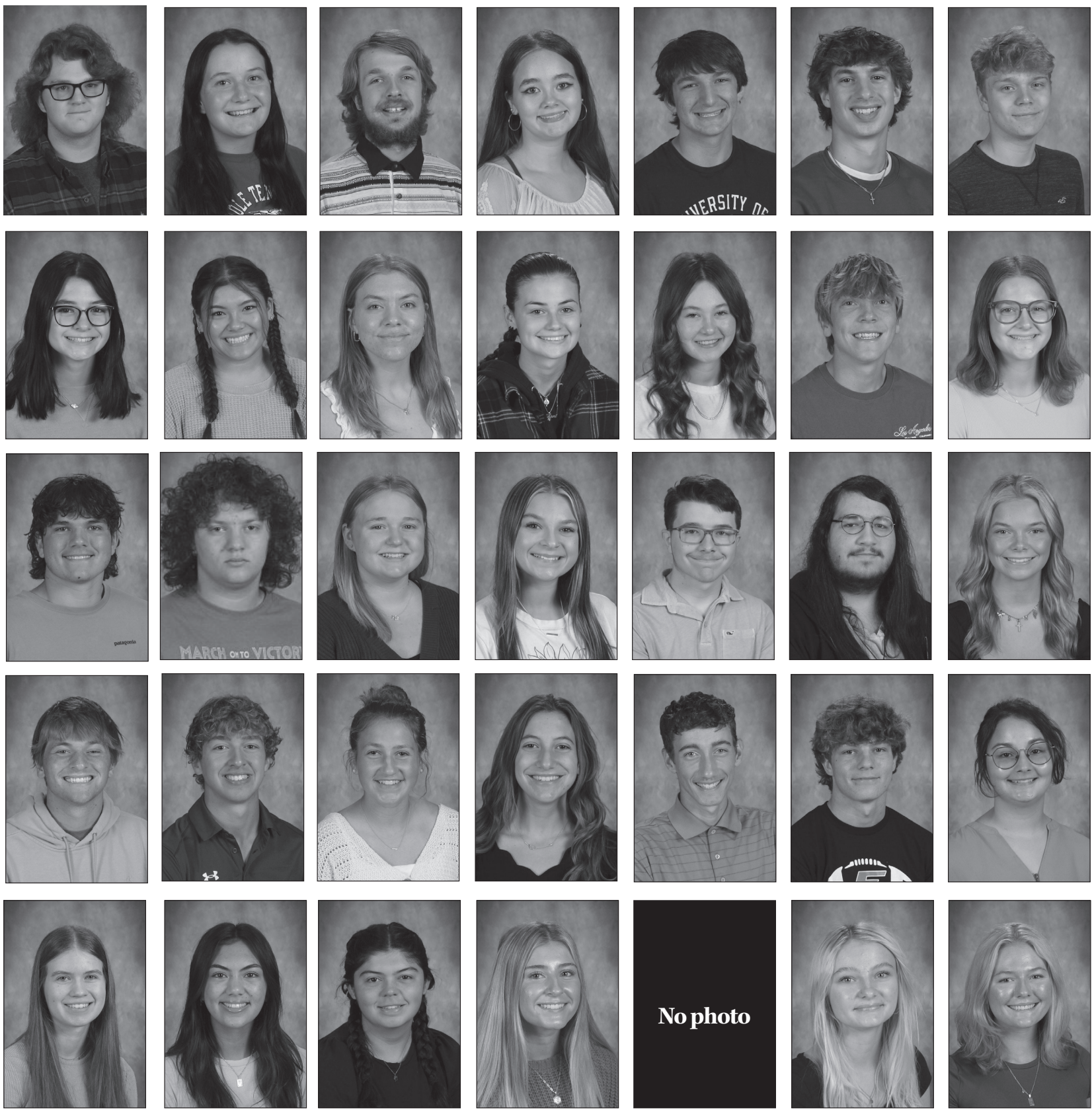

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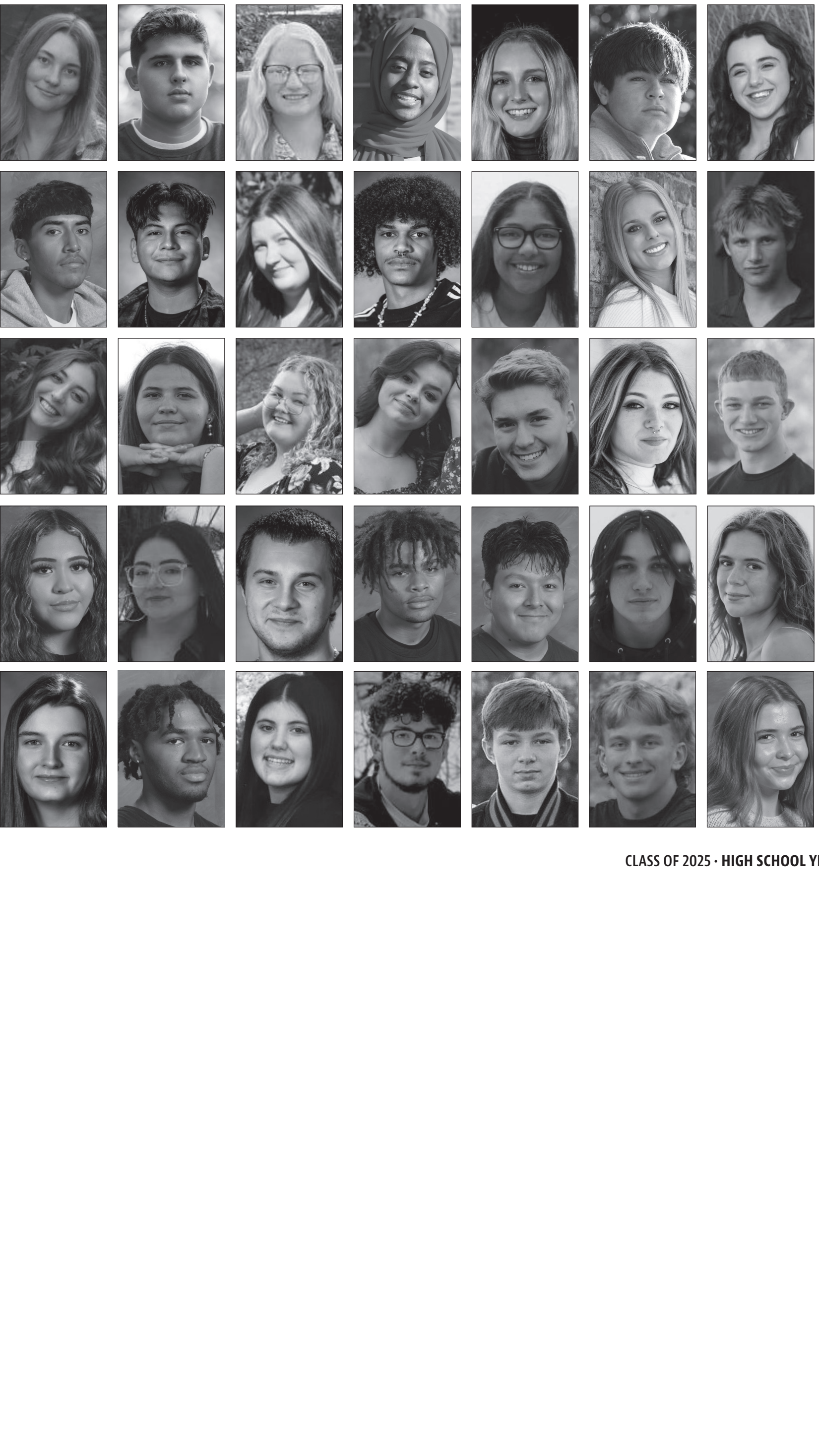

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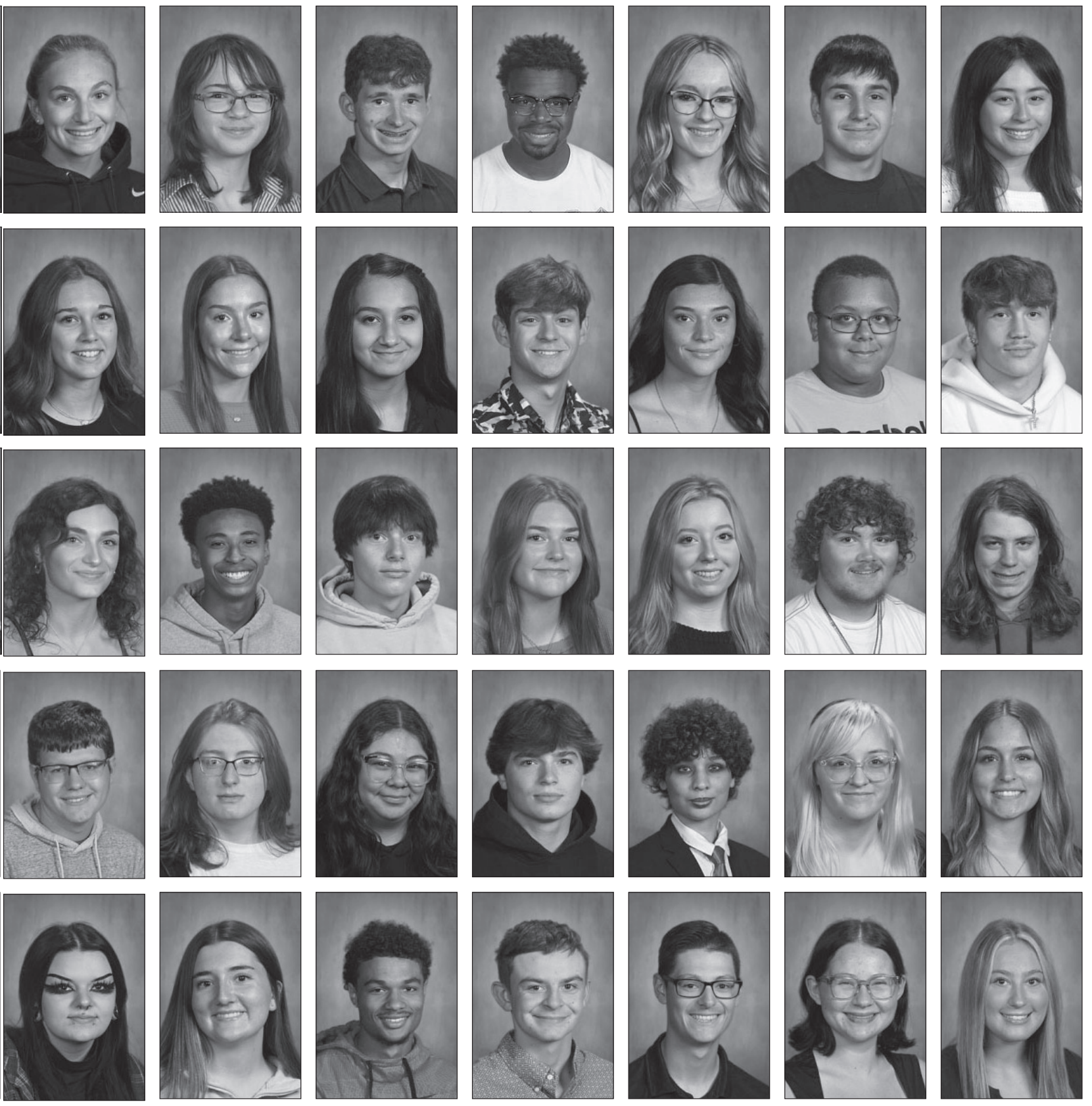

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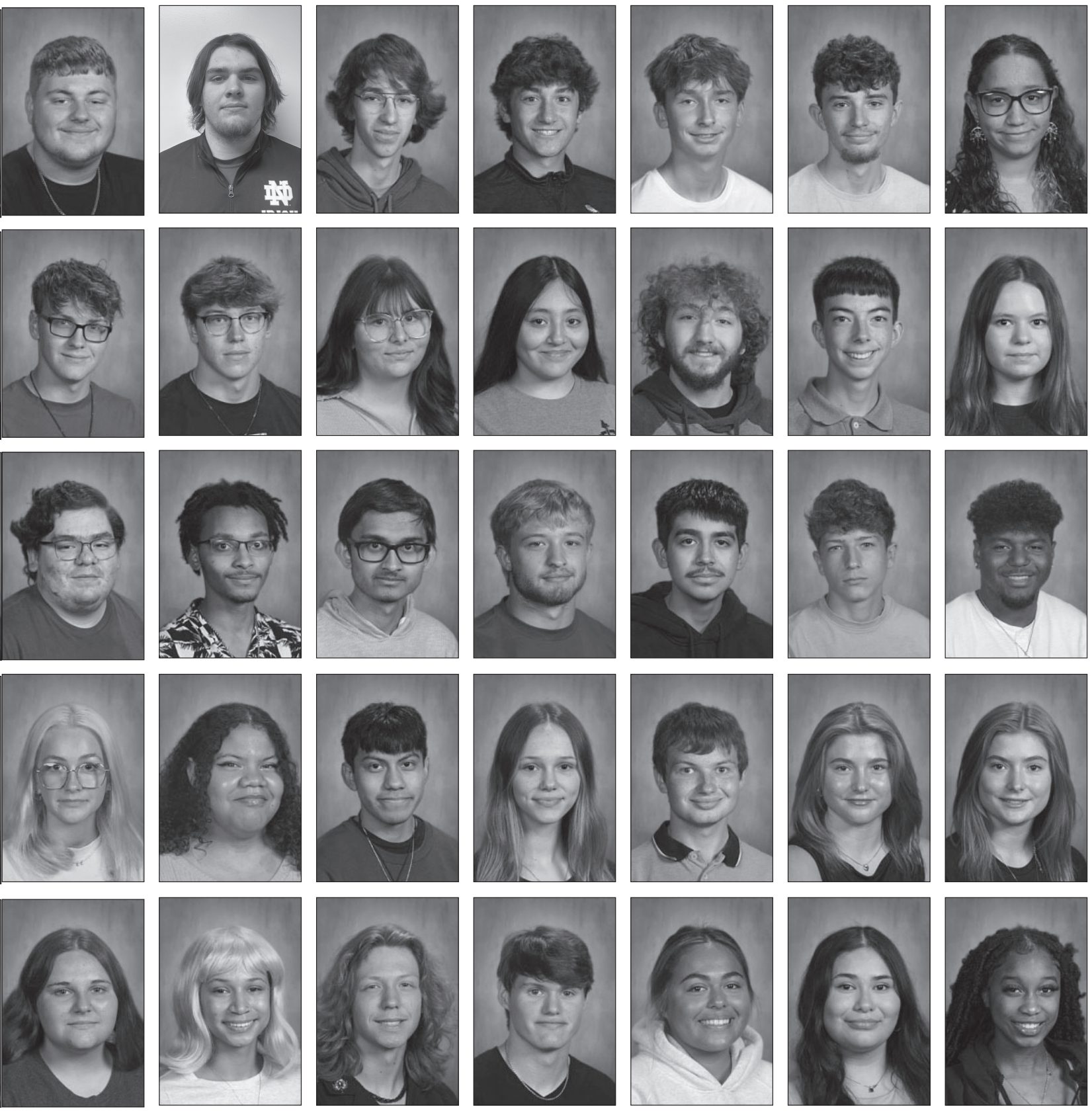

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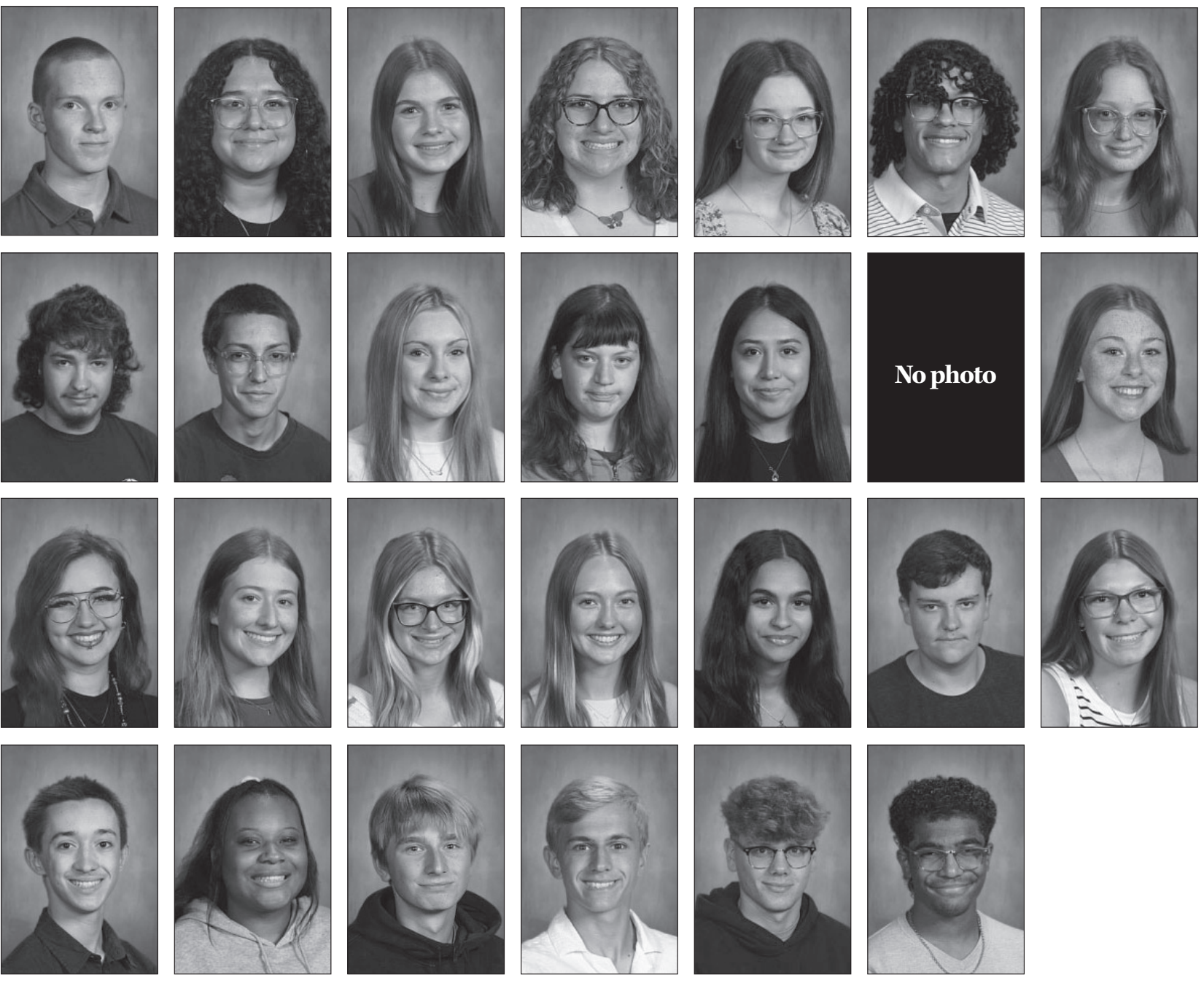

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